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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: LUNCH WITH TRUCCO

TO AMBASSADOR POPPER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. OVER LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR TRUCCO, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, I REPEATED WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD SAID TO CARVAJAL AND TO HIM, THAT WE MAY NOT REQUEST FMS CREDITS FOR CHILE IN FY-76. I WANTED TO BE CERTAIN THEY UNDERSTOOD THIS, AND THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THEIR REACTION. I SAID, FURTHER, THAT CONGRESSIONAL ANTAGONISM, GROWING OUT OF CHILE'S PERFORMANCE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA, PRECLUDED A MASSIVE CASH SALES PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY, BUT THAT WE WANTED TO MOVE AHEAD. CHILE SHOULD DEFINE NOW EXACTLY WHAT IT NEEDS IN THE WAY OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS, AND WE WILL TRY TO SHOP IT THROUGH QUICKLY.

2. FINALLY, WE DISCUSSED CHILE'S PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF THE OASGA IN SANTIAGO. WE WERE INTERESTED IN HOW MUCH OPPOSITION MIGHT BE DEVELOPING WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. MEXICO HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED ITS OPPOSITION, HE
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SAID. TRUCCO ADDED THAT PERMISSION FOR A VISIT OF THE

IAHRC PRIOR TO THE OASGA WAS VIRTUALLY INCONCEIVABLE. HE
CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, HE
WOULD PUSH THE QUESTION OF A SANTIAGO MEETING TO A VOTE,
EVEN IF HE THOUGHT HE WOULD LOSE. KISSINGER

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